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MANUFACTURING OF LCA WITH FOREIGN COLLABORATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first indigenously built light combat aircraft was put to test flight recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results obtained therefrom;

(c) the percentage of indigenous and foreign components used in manufacturing of LCA;

(d) whether the Government propose to manufacture the LCA in collaboration with some developing countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of such aircrafts proposed to be manufactured in the next financial year;

(f) whether some countries have placed orders with the Indian Government for purchase of the same; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)The maiden flight of first LCA Technology Demonstrator (TD-1) took place in Bangalore on January 04, 2001.The flight duration was 18 minutes and it met all the test parameters. With this the LCA programme has entered the flight testing phase.So far, 4 flights have been successfully completed.

(c) The indigenous content of TD-1 LCA is nearly 70% and it is likely to be higher during production of the aircraft.

(d) & (e): The Government is exploring co-production of LCA with friendly countries.There is no formal proposal in this regard at present. It is intended to produce only a limited number of prototypes for flight testing in the next financial year.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.